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Taylor appeals demotion from chief to corporal

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

It appears the former police chief has been demoted because he paid for safety repairs to a police vehicle himself, when he couldn't get funds from the city.

The Belleville Civil Service Commission met at 9 a.m. Nov. 14 to consider the appeal of Gene Taylor, who on Oct. 30 had been demoted from police chief to corporal.

Taylor was represented by Belleville attorney Tom DiPietro at the "Employee Appeal of Disciplinary Actions" meeting.

DiPietro said he had no documents from the city whatsoever and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said she would have City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Long make him copies.

DiPietro said the commission has the power to subpoena witnesses to testify and he asked that it subpoena two witnesses. He also asked that Michael Loria, chairman of the commission, recuse himself because his father is on the city council that demoted Taylor.

The commission is made up of Michael Loria, Roy Acho, and Don Bluhm.

Bluhm said he received no information on the issue until he arrived at the meeting that morning. His packet was waiting on the edge of a table.

[There was no packet for the press and so the *Independent* formally requested the materials under the Freedom of Information Act and was still waiting for the information as the paper went to press on Tuesday.]

"I was not notified within a 24- or 48-

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Taylor



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At the Nov. 12 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education members of the Belleville units of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Polish League of American Veterans (PLAV) presented 32 American flags to the district for use in high school classrooms. At left is George Kennedy and VFW Commander Bob Krouse. From left at the board table are Trustees Sherry Frazier and Brent Mikulski, Secretary Kevin English, President Martha Toth with a flag, School Supt. Michael Van Tassel, and Treasurer Toni Hunt. At right, out of view of the camera, was Trustee Scott Russell. School Supt. Van Tassel said under new state law the district must have a flag in every classroom by the end of March and give the opportunity to students to say the pledge. He said most of the elementary classrooms have flags, and some need repair. The need was in the new BHS.

District Library Board reports Belleville officials don't want new library building within the city limits

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During its regular meeting on Nov. 13, Belleville District Library Board chairwoman Mary Jane Dawson reported on an informal meeting with Belleville City officials concerning building a new library in downtown Belleville.

Apparently, the City of Belleville is not interested in giving the library property or its city parking lot to the library board, as the board had requested last February. Also, the library board said it feels the city has shut it out from building a library in the city.

Dawson said on Oct. 17, three members from the library board's Building Committee (Dawson, Mike Boelter, and Joy Cichewicz), the architect Dan Whisler, and attorney John Day met with six representatives from the City of Belleville.

They were Mayor Kerreen Conley, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria, Planning Commission chairman Steve Jones, City Manager Diana Kollmeyer, DPW Director Keith Boc, and DDA coordinator Carol Thompson.

Dawson reported that Mayor Conley stated the city prefers that the library not be on Main Street or at the Grace Baptist location, as the city would like to preserve those areas for retail.

Except for Boc, all of the people that attended the meeting had been to Anders Dahlgren's recent presentation on library space needs.

Dawson reported that city officials suggested three sites in Belleville:

- The Davenport/Amerman site on Savage Road;
- The existing library site with a spread to Third Street, without giving up the Captain Nemo's restaurant; and
- The strip mall where the Glass Ranch is located on South Street.

Dawson said the library board feels all of these sites could not be used because they are either not a good shape, too small, or wouldn't fit with traffic patterns.

She said at this point the library board believes the DNR/Spencer site is ideal.

George Chedraue asked from the audience if the site has to be that big, to house a 50,000 square foot library.

Mike Renaud said that 50,000 square feet might not be feasible to voters and maybe it should be reduced to 30,000 square feet with no amenities, such as the proposed coffee shop inside the library.

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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT Public Safety Committee hears proposal for law update

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Christopher Hogg, Van Buren Township’s prosecuting attorney, presented a proposal to amend the township ordinance on alcohol and minors to the VBT Public Safety Committee at its regular meeting on Nov. 7.

The committee didn’t have a quorum, so no votes could be taken, but Hogg did explain that 34th District Court Judge Brian Oakley brought to his attention that VBT’s fines are drastically low, compared to state laws for the same offense.

Hogg said the VBT ordinance calls for a \$25 fine for first offense, \$50 for second, and \$100 for third offence.

The Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998, however, recommends not more than \$100 for first offense, \$200 for second, and \$500 for third, along with provisions that a court may order a minor to participate in substance abuse prevention services or substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation.

Hogg said in reviewing the state statute, he finds there are other parts of the VBT ordinance that need attention.

He said the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998 in section 436.1703 takes into account religious ceremonies and allows jail time after the second and third offenses if no rehabilitation is undertaken and the fines haven’t been paid.

Also, the state statute addresses the situation where a minor may consume large amounts of alcohol and friends may leave the minor in a drunken stupor and he dies, because they are afraid they will get in trouble if they help their friend. If the friends take the minor to the hospital they are not subject to citation, under that state statute, Hogg said.

There also is a provision for driver’s license suspension for minors who don’t comply with their fines/treatment orders or use fraudulent ID to purchase alcoholic liquor, in addition to a misdemeanor conviction.

Public Safety Committee chairwoman Diane Madigan asked if the fines go up, does the township get more and Hogg said yes VBT would capture a portion.

“The intent is not the revenue, but to get them not to do it,” said Trustee Phil Hart.

“The point is to make it more harsh ... with a small effect on revenue,” Hogg said.

Committee member Reggie Miller asked if the township needed to tighten up the substance abuse programs and Hogg said the court has these programs in place.

“We’re adding teeth to it,” Hogg said, “With 30 days in jail if you fail to get treatment or don’t pay your fines.”

Public Safety Director Carl McClanahan

said the penalty is subject to the judge, who has discretion.

“Do we have a problem with alcohol?” Trustee Hart asked.

Hogg thought for a minute and then answered, “Yes. I think there’s a problem. I do.”

Since there wasn’t a quorum, McClanahan suggested the proposal for changes to the ordinance be brought up at a future meeting for a recommendation to the township board. He said the committee members have copies of the state ordinance (provided by Madigan) and proposed township ordinance amendment (provided by McClanahan) to study.

In other business at the Nov. 7, hour-long, unofficial meeting, the committee:

- Heard Madigan say she wanted to go over the proposal for emergency sirens, but when secretary Jennifer Price said she wasn’t taking notes because it wasn’t an official meeting, Madigan said she would hold it for a regular meeting. Fire Chief Dan Besson said the VBT Downtown Development Authority was waiting for input from this committee on the sirens. McClanahan said he recommended determining the areas of most crucial need and phase in the sirens, which would minimize the financial need. Madigan said she talked to officials in Romulus and their first eight sirens came by putting by \$20,000 one year at a time. Some of the Romulus sirens overlap Hannan Road into VBT, which will influence the placing of VBT sirens in that area;

- Heard Fire Chief Besson give a three-month report on fire incidents, including a barn fire at Riggs Park in October. A passerby saw smoke and the hay was on fire. Besson said they had to work through thick woods, but they did not lose the building. Also in October there was a gas leak on Leon Drive and evacuations after workers who were putting down a hardwood floor sawed through a gas line under the floor. He also reported on hiring and recruiting of fire fighters, noting nine people presently are on probationary status. He said they are in the promotional process for captain and lieutenant and two applied for captain and nine for lieutenant, with written tests set for January;

- Heard McClanahan give a report on the police department, noting three defendants in the Denton subdivision breaking and entering are now in federal court, two working on plea deals. A third one sold a stolen gun to another individual, he said. He also reported that the man who was found guilty of one count of armed robbery and two counts of felony firearms of the market at 9880 Haggerty Road on Feb. 2 will be sentenced soon;
- Heard Madigan ask McClanahan

Crime Rate Report			
2010 Crime (Actual Data)*	Van Buren Township Incidents	Belleville Incidents	Sumpter Township Incidents
Aggravated Assault	53	6	21
Arson	4	0	4
Burglary	167	29	70
Forcible Rape	27	3	0
Larceny and Theft	533	89	139
Motor Vehicle Theft	99	4	16
Murder and Manslaughter	0	0	0
Robbery	20	6	3
Property Crime	799	122	225
Violent Crime	100	15	21
2011 Crime (Actual Data)	Van Buren Township Incidents	Belleville Incidents	Sumpter Township Incidents
Population	28,799	3,988	9,542
Aggravated Assault	44 (-17%)	10 (+67%)	23 (+10%)
Arson	0 (-100%)	0 (same)	1 (-75%)
Burglary	160 (-4%)	21 (-27%)	58 (-17%)
Forcible Rape	13 (-52%)	3 (same)	2 (+200%)
Larceny and Theft	537 (+1%)	78 (-12%)	107 (-23%)
Motor Vehicle Theft	86 (-13%)	3 (-25%)	13 (-18%)
Murder and Manslaughter	0 (same)	0 (same)	0 (same)
Robbery	15 (-25%)	2 (-67%)	0 (-100%)
Property Crime	783 (-2%)	102 (-16%)	178 (-21%)
Violent Crime	72 (-28%)	15 (same)	25 (+19%)
Comparison to 2010 crime data is in ()			

Zero values may indicate the data was not available. Source: www.FBI.gov

about Nixle alerts and how there weren’t any concerning the rollover on I-94 that shut down traffic. “If there’s a need, we’ll alert,” McClanahan said. “It’s not for just news ... We’re not going to give you traffic alerts”; and

- Heard committee member Reggie Miller resign because she was elected to the township board and could no longer serve on the committee. Madigan thanked her for her service to the community.

Present at the Nov. 7 meeting were Madigan, Miller, and Trustee Hart. Olivia Bruce, P. Ramone Crowe, and Richard Wardwell were absent and excused and Raymond Bailey was absent. This is the fourth meeting in a row that Wardwell has said he would not attend or has not attended contributing to the ongoing problem of having a quorum to meet officially. When there is a meeting that does not have a quorum, it also is not recorded and not shown on cable for the public to see.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Dec. 5, in the township board meeting room.

Court Watching: VBT woman gets probation for stabbing boyfriend with knife

By Diane Madigan
Independent Court Reporter

Lashawn Denise Courtwright, 43, formerly of Van Buren Township, was charged with one count of Felonious Assault and one count of Domestic Violence, second offense, last spring after she allegedly stabbed her boyfriend several times in the chest and arm with a kitchen knife.

The incident started with a verbal argument at 11649 Meadows Lane just before 3:33 a.m. May 2.

When police arrived Jack Ray Lantz, 56, of VBT, was bleeding profusely. He was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

VBT Police Captain Gregory Laurain said Courtwright was very uncooperative and resisted officers.

She was arrested and later charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office. She was

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Ruth's tree to go up at Doane's Landing

Ruth Bleeker's dream of a big Christmas tree at 5 Points, just like the old days, has to be revised.

And, she's OK with that.

After about a half hour of discussion at Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, the council voted unanimously to approve the Christmas tree, not at 5 Points as requested but at Doane's Landing. There it wouldn't be in a place where it might block traffic views or kill perennials and bulbs that are planted in the traffic island.

She will work with city administration on the details.

Ruth said the big Christmas tree at 5 Points she remembers in the traffic island was *tradition*. A tree at Doane's Landing at the Belleville Bridge could be seen across the water and would be very nice, she agreed.

People from Belleville, Sumpter, Van Buren and Canton were at the meeting to support Ruth's Christmas tree.

Council members Jack Loria and Tom Smith got a little sharp, but Mayor Kerreen Conley skillfully laid out all the facts and the option in a positive manner. Mayor Conley didn't want to wait until another meeting for a decision and the council voted in favor of Doane's Landing.

Former Mayor Tom Fielder said the late Bob Doane spent a lot of time with a generator to provide a lighted Christmas tree in Hillside Cemetery. Bob would like this Christmas tree on the lake, Fielder said. We agree. Thank you, Ruth.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Nov. 20 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was cancelled this week.

Outgoing Supervisor Paul White said he cancelled the work/study session for Monday, Nov. 19, because that was the meeting he would be chairing.

Incoming Supervisor Linda Combs would be chairing the regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20, and everything would be too confusing, he said.

He said he asked Clerk Leon Wright about it and he agreed. He said he also asked Treasurer Sharry Budd her opinion, but she did not reply.

White said he expected Supervisor Combs, when she takes over on Nov. 20, to set a workshop on Nov. 26 and a regular meeting on Nov. 27 because state law requires townships to have at least one meeting a month and VBT has had no meetings in November so far.

The first regular meeting was scheduled for Nov. 6 and that was Election Day so it couldn't be held.

Last Thursday afternoon, a Belleville woman called police to report a pig was preventing her from getting out of her car in the First Street/North Liberty Street area. When the officer arrived he found a piglet the size of a Chihuahua which ran under a car and escaped. He escorted the woman safely into her home.

Later police were called again on the piglet when it was running into traffic. This time they caught it and someone took it in until the owner or a new home could be found. Reportedly, it was really hungry.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



A Van Buren Township lady, who for years has fed and taken in stray, suffering cats and kittens that come over to her home from a nearby apartment complex, was bubbling with good news recently.

She told me she got in touch with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) and workers came out and trapped some of the strays. The cats were neutered and released.

She said this will help with the many pitiful kittens that have been coming to her over the years – kittens she has nursed to health and paid to have tended by a veterinarian. There have been lots of tears over the ones who couldn't make it.

With help from FMAR, there should be fewer suffering kittens in her backyard.

The Trap Neuter Release program (TNR) coordinated by FMAR has been used successfully in mobile home communities when invited in.

Although some don't want the cats brought back, FMAR explains it is imperative that they come back to their original home for several reasons, including lack of space and resources in local shelters.

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operation and a rabies and parasite injection for a cat. FMAR is looking for barn buddies and trappers. For more information on how to be part of the solution for these helpless cats, call FMAR at 734-461-9458.

The City of Belleville has granted a certificate of occupancy for a drug store at 504 Main Street. It won't be a drug store like Andrew's, but will handle medical supplies that are delivered to homes. Under the rules it does need some retail sales because it's facing Main Street, so it will have some sales.

Also, the long-closed Marathon station at Five Points is being remodeled to open as a gas station/party store, with no repair service.

The marathon at the North I-94 Service Drive and Belleville Road also is being remodeled to reopen. It also will be a gas station/party store with no repair service.

And, Egan's Pub, being readied at 396 Main Street, got City Council approval on Monday for its Class C liquor license. The Irish pub is owned by Jennifer Winter (80%) and her father, James Egan (20%).

Jennifer told me they had hoped to have the pub open in November, but there were too many holdups and now they plan to be open for Super Bowl in January 2013.



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Letters

Thanks to Ruth Bleeker for all her efforts

To the Editor:

A million thanks to Ruth Bleeker for all her efforts in trying to bring back something beautiful to the City of Belleville.

I remember with much fondness the very large Christmas tree on the island at Five Points many years ago. I also remember about three or four years ago the money spent to put a Christmas tree on the roof of city hall which didn't prove to be a very good idea.

All the roadblocks that are being put in the path of Ruth to try and bring forth a wonderful idea started me wondering. Does the County of Wayne maintain that island by mowing and watering? I don't think they do and if not, is a permit needed by the city?

Does the City of Belleville go to Wayne County to get a permit for planting flowers on the island in the spring? And what about the beautiful fall display we just enjoyed on the island of mums, corn stalks and bales of straw? Was a permit needed to do this or is a permit needed only for certain people when you aren't excited about their idea?

I wonder if someone in all their wisdom in the both large and small cities around the country that have beautiful Christmas trees as focal points in their cities says, "not everyone believes in Christmas."

Our capital of Washington, D.C. prides themselves on their beautiful Christmas tree for all the city to enjoy, as does the cities of New York, Chicago, Detroit, and

I could go on and on.

Even closer to home the cities of Plymouth and Livonia and others all have beautiful Christmas trees as focal points of their city. Why shouldn't Belleville enjoy one, as well? Maybe it would bring a few new people to town to see our tree and we could talk about our tree with the pride that other cities do. If offending others that don't believe in Christmas is an issue, then what about our Christmas parade or the decorations on the street light poles or the Goodfellows collection or the Marines collecting boxes of gifts in city hall? Again, is it only certain things that are offensive?

Just wondering. Christmas is an AMERICAN tradition and this country was founded on religious principles so, are we to give this up for someone new to this country who doesn't believe?

Betty Fleming, Belleville

You can help with Christmas tree at 5 Pts.

To the Editor:

Everywhere I go, I am greeted by people who want to express their eagerness for a return of the Christmas tree at 5-Pts. in Belleville. I am doubly excited when I learn of so many others who want to renew this beautiful and memorable tradition.

For days, I have been soliciting donations of weatherproof ornaments for the Community Christmas tree. I have not heard one single negative comment; all have said they want to donate one or more ornaments and with this much enthusiasm, I am sure our Community Christmas tree will grow and glow just like it did many years ago.

My concern is that I may have missed soliciting help from a merchant or anyone who would like to donate toward the ornaments. Please recall, this Christmas tree is a tri-community effort (Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter) and all the labor, the tree itself, solar lighting, etc. etc. is donated - freely donated, zero cost.

If I have missed anyone who would like to donate decorations, please let me know.

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Obituaries



Andrew Dwornik

ANDREW DWORNIK

(February 28, 1928 - November 14, 2012)

Andrew Dwornik, age 84, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at his home. He was born on February 28, 1928 in Detroit, MI, to the late Andrew and Anna (Wierouska) Dwornik.

He is survived by 5 children: Gloria (David) Rochon of Belleville, Cynthia Hartwick of Ypsilanti, Nancy Burelle of Belleville, Gary (Kathy) Dwornik of Willis, and Darlene (Slavik) Sierak of Belleville, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Dwornik was preceded in death by his wife Irene in 2008, two brothers Edward and Theodore, also three sisters Alma Danowski, Anna Krol, and Helen Peters.

Andrew owned and operated Andy's Excavating which his son now operates as Gary Dwornik's Excavating Company, along with farming locally. He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and belonged to the Men's Club, the Belleville Moose Lodge 934, and was a volunteer firefighter for the Van Buren Township Fire Department. Andrew was an avid deer hunter and outdoorsman most of his life.

The family received guests on Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 1-8 PM with a 7 PM Scripture Service. Closing Prayers were at 9:30 AM Monday, November 19, 2012 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 and then there was a procession to St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville for a 10 AM Funeral Mass with Father Thomas H. Cusick as Celebrant.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the family, or to St. Anthony Catholic Church, and would be appreciated.

Please sign his on-line guest book at www.davidcbrownfh.com and share a memory for his family to cherish.



William Finney

WILLIAM EUGENE FINNEY

(August 23, 1930 - November 15, 2012)

William was born on August 23, 1930 in Owensboro, KY to the late William and Ruth (Camp) Finney. He lived in Belleville for the past 54 years.

He is survived by his wife Maureen Schultz, 3 children Dorene Mae Laperriere of Belleville, Thomas William Finney of Wayne, and William Finney, Jr. of Belleville, also four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Douglas (Diane) Lancaster of New Boston.

Mr. Finney was preceded in death by his parents. William was an avid hunter.

The family received guests on Monday, November 19, 2012 from 2-6 PM at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. There also was a visiting hour on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 10 AM, with a funeral service following at 11 AM.

Donations in his memory may be made to the wishes of the family. Please sign his online guestbook and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

HERSHEL LEE CRIPE

(April 11, 1925 - November 13, 2012)

Age 87 of Taylor. Survived by two brothers Edward of Cheboygan and Earl of Monroe. Service was Nov. 16 at David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel, 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville.

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Kovach vs. VBT case transferred back to old judge for Dec. 13 session

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The case of Louis Kovach vs. Charter Township of Van Buren which had been transferred from Circuit Court Judge John H. Gillis, Jr., to Judge Lita Masini Popke – has been transferred back to Judge Gillis.

The court session is still set for 9 a.m. Dec. 13 but it will be back in Judge Gillis' chambers at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

The case was announced transferred to Judge Popke to fill up her docket, but then was transferred back to Gillis when the nature of the case and Judge Gillis' current involvement was determined.

In a letter to township attorney David Greco, Kovach's attorney John Day wrote: "It is my hope that with the new Board in place we can sit down and negotiate a settlement of these issues prior to the Dec. 13th hearing date."

Kovach is suing the township over its refusal to approve land splits for part of the property that formerly was the Coykendall Greenhouse site and now is owned by Kovach.

The property is at the northwest corner of

Bemis and Martinsville roads and was turned into a cornfield for the last growing season.

Kovach filed the suit against the township and the members of the Parcel Division Board: Terry Carroll, Linda Stevenson, and Tom MacDonald.

Much of the last courtroom session on the case in Judge Gillis' courtroom on Sept. 20 was spent in a lengthy sidebar conference, as attorneys discussed the case with the judge.

They also studied proposed land splits for the former greenhouse property.

When all the talking with the judge was done, township attorney Greco said he would present a proposed settlement to the township for approval, with hopes of a settlement before the next court date of Nov. 15.

Kovach's attorney Day said he was hopeful for a mutually acceptable agreement that will benefit both his client and the township.

But then the circuit court announced the reassignment of the case to Judge Popke and the next date was changed to Dec. 13.

In a related matter, Kovach also filed suit on Oct. 24 against Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz on housing and real estate issues and a status conference has been set for 9 a.m. Jan. 25.

John Day represents Kovach on this case, as well.

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More Letters

Get a present for Toys for Tots when shopping

To the Editor and My Fellow "Black Friday" Shoppers:

To all of you shoppers braving long lines to get those fantastic bargains this Friday, "Black Friday": Happy hunting!

I do have something to ask of you. While shopping, I'm asking you to think about the children out there who might not have a Christmas with presents. If you could, please get an extra toy and bring it to any of the "Toys for Tots" donation boxes throughout the area.

It doesn't matter the size or cost of the toy, any toy would bring a smile to a child this Christmas holiday, and you can't put a price on that. The *Belleville Area-Independent* newspaper at 152 Main Street, Suite 9 in downtown Belleville is just one of the drop-off locations in town.

There are many more in town and the surrounding area. Any location will do. Look for a "Toys for Tots" poster in the windows of drop-off locations.

Just bring a new, unwrapped gift and deposit it in one of the boxes at these locations. I personally had great Christmases as a child with lots of presents, so I want all children to have at least one present this year. Can you please help?

Thank you and God Bless you all! May you all have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving & Christmas!

James Otzman, Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: Local Toys for Tots drop off locations include: Brown's Family Center, St. Anthony Catholic Church, the library, Remax Crossroads (Glenn Silvenis), and the Moose Lodge.

BYC promotes skating rink, food drive

To the Editor:

We are still promoting the skating rink and food drive.

Join us for ice skating at the Family Ice Rink at Fourth Street Square in Downtown Belleville.

This year the Family Ice Rink will be available during Winter Fest Weekend. Skating is free, kids, families and adults welcome. Skates are available, or bring your own.

The Ice Rink is provided by the BYC as a community service to the Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren community. Parking is available in the city lot off Liberty Street behind Andrew's Drugs.

Hours for open skating: Friday Nov. 30, 2-9 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 1, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Skating regardless of weather on the artificial rink.

And to help those in need at the Holiday Season, a canned food drive will be held at the same time at the Family Ice Rink on the Fourth Street Square next to the Bayou Grill. Look for the van with the food drive sign.

This food drive will benefit Belleville Food Pantry. Drop off cans and non-perishable food anytime during open skate time Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

By donating your skates more friends and family can enjoy this outdoor winter activity at no cost. Skates can be dropped off at Davenport Brothers Construction Company at 299 Industrial Park Drive just across the railroad tracks on South Street in Belleville.

You can donate new skates, too! And if anyone has a skate sharpening machine, it would be a welcome addition to the Family Ice Rink.

Conrad J. Welsing, Belleville
cjwelsing@aol.com

BHS Alumni Swim Meet set for Saturday, Dec. 15

To the Editor:

With a successful completion of girls' swim season and having raised the curtain on their new pool, Belleville Swimming is poised to enter a new era.

Belleville Swimming will host its first Alumni Swim Meet in its new pool, Saturday, Dec. 15th, starting at 1 p.m.

Breaking from tradition, this meet will be for Swim Alumni only, and all Swim Alumni are welcome to attend. If they do not want to swim, they can just sit and smell the chlorine, while reliving those days gone by.

Alumni, remember those wonderful days of 5:30 a.m. swims, twice a day during Christmas and on Saturdays? Do you remember nights when you tried to sleep but your arms and leg muscles were throbbing from the day's workout? Remember those growling stomachs because you were always hungry when in season. Yes, those were the days.

Those interested alumni, just email your intent to tigerswimclub@gmail.com.

Belleville Swimming will also enter a new era when they open their new pool for Family Swim Sessions.

According to John Cast, Pool Manager, open swim sessions for the community, will begin Dec. 1. Belleville Swimming will hold open/family swim sessions Saturday, Dec. 1 & 8. Swim times on these two Saturdays will be 1-3 p.m., at a cost of \$5 per swimmer.

Once plans are finalized for future swims, they will be posted on a web page, navigable from Van Buren Public Schools home page.

In addition to above dates and times, Belleville Swimming also has a one-hour swim, most Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings, 9 to 10 a.m., for retirees.

Additional questions may be addressed to tigerswimclub@gmail.com.

John Cast, BHS Pool Manager
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VBT stabbing

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video arraigned on the charges at 34th District Court and bond was set at \$10,000 cash. Courtwright was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

She stood mute at her arraignment on May 16 and a not-guilty plea was entered. On June 1, she entered a guilty plea that was accepted.

On June 21, a motion to withdraw the guilty plea was granted and a competency evaluation was ordered. On Aug. 7 the competency hearing was continued until Oct. 12 when she was found competent.

She then pled guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon (Felony Assault) and Circuit Court Judge Deborah Thomas sentenced her to 18 months of probation and 40 hours of service in lieu of fees.

Before these charges, Courtwright had been bound over for trial in April 2007 on charges of assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer. In October 2007, she stood mute and a not-guilty plea was entered and that December she failed to appear for a disposition conference and her bond was forfeited.

On Jan. 14, 2008 she was arraigned for failure to appear at a disposition hearing. The original charges were reduced to "Attempt" to which she pled no contest. She was placed on probation for one year with \$645 in fines and court costs. In March of 2008 a warrant was issued for violation of probation.

On Aug. 1, 2008 her probation was extended to Jan. 14, 2012. Another warrant was issued for violation of probation on Sept. 15, 2008 and on March 26, 2012 she was sentenced.

Then, on May 2 she was arrested again for the stabbing.

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Sumpter Twp. board urges use of Elwell school as district library

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the end of its regular meeting on Nov. 13, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees discussed at length its support of using the newly vacant Elwell Elementary School as the site of the new Belleville Area District Library.

The subject of the district library was brought up by the board to Mary Ban, who was speaking under audience comments and has strong feelings about the library.

Ban said if the library board continues to pursue the DNR site on the lake, it would be creating a terrible traffic hazard. She said when she is on Belleville Road in that area at 3 p.m. weekdays, traffic going into the city is backed up to the shopping center.

If people were trying to get to the library as well it would be an even worse traffic jam, and very unsafe, she said.

"Elwell School would be a perfect library," Ban said, adding, "We can do that."

She said the library board have "pie in the sky ideas" and want to put a pod on the lake. She recalled State Rep. Gary Owen helped put a library pod on Ford Lake.

"Have they lost their common sense?" Ban asked, referring to the library board.

She noted the two Sumpter residents, who are on the board – Mike Boelter and Joy Cichewicz – are going right along with other board members and not representing Sumpter's interests.

She said Elwell school has a area that was renovated not long ago that can be used for a library.

"We have a treasure," she said of the school. "When you have a cow, you need to use it. It's our golden calf and we need to milk her."

She said there is plenty of space at Elwell for all the umpteen rooms needed for computers for a library.

"They don't listen to the citizens," said Ban, who stopped going to library board meetings because she said they were not listening to her.

"And, we're responsible for them getting there," said Treasurer John Morgan.

Boelter and Cichewicz were appointed by the board as interim board members and then they were elected, twice, by voters to

the positions. Morgan said Sumpter voters supported them because they were from Sumpter.

"We don't need just a satellite," said Ban of the plan to put a smaller library in Sumpter. "That [Elwell] can be the main library."

Sumpter Township attorney Rob Young said he had a recent conversation with the library board's attorney John Day and he said Day told him the board wants to reach out to Sumpter and address its concerns. He expects a meeting with Day between now and the holidays or after the holidays.

Ban said people she talks to say they can't believe that the library board hasn't dropped the idea of a big library on the DNR property.

"I know they aren't going to vote for any big library," Ban stated.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said the board had sent a request to the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, after being turned down by the superintendent.

Sumpter is asking for the newest play equipment in place at Elwell so they can transfer it to one of the township parks, since the Sumpter parents earned the money for the playscape. Sumpter had been told the district wants to move the equipment to one of its remaining schools.

Trustee Morgan said she has learned that the school district found out it would cost some \$20,000 to take down and move the equipment, so now they are considering donating it to Sumpter.

Ban said there should be an independent appraisal on the value of Elwell School.

Young said it has been estimated it would cost the district \$200,000 to tear the school down, which was the original plan.

Sumpter Deputy Supervisor Craig Moody said Sumpter met with the school officials when the sanitary sewer was being put in front of Elwell School and gave them a great deal to hook up to the sewer. The school's septic system has been condemned, so Elwell School can't be reopened until it's hooked up to the sewer.

"Everybody wants something from Sumpter for nothing," said Trustee Morgan. "... and they get it."

In other business at the Nov. 13 meeting,

the board:

- Approved, on a 4-1 vote, paying a total of \$1,950 for six 3'x3' welcome to Sumpter signs to upgrade those that were put up in the past. Clerk Clarence Hoffman voted no. Trustees William Hamm and Linda Kennedy were absent and excused because they were sick;

- Approved an agreement with Wayne County for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant funds;

- Approved the Supervisor Office's request to use the PNA Hall on Dec. 17, from 2 to 6 p.m., for a holiday dinner for those in need in the community. Those interested in attending may call Craig Moody at 461-6201, ext. 226, to register so they will know how many turkeys to cook, or to get more information;

- Approved, with regret, the retirement of Ray Christiansen as mechanical / plumbing inspector as of Dec. 31 after 20 years of service;

- Approved advertising for a mechanical / plumbing inspector, who is paid per inspection, with Clerk Hoffman voting no. They hoped to get one person who can do both mechanical and plumbing like Christiansen, but may have to use two people. Hoffman said a full-time Van Buren Township employee (Judy Fields) was hired on May 11, 2010 as a part-time fill-in inspector and was never used. She could not come to inspect until after she got off work in VBT at 4 p.m. Moody said

contractors need inspectors during the day. He said Fields can apply for the position;

- Approved a revision of the Parks & Recreation Commission's Constitution that now says "no township trustee may serve or be appointed as a regular member of the Commission. Township Trustees may serve as alternate members of the Commission, but shall be prohibited from voting at Commission meetings in all circumstances..." Supervisor Johnny Vawters said, "Members of this board should not be full-time members of any commissions. That's my belief";

- Approved having township officials and deputies attend the annual Michigan Townships Association conference Jan. 22-25 in Detroit;

- Heard Moody give a report on the building department that earned \$17,481 over the last month, up \$7,000 from the previous month;

- Heard Treasurer Morgan announce that Pastor Gary Ward Crawford had died. Morgan said he was the lead engineer on the design of Crosswinds Marsh park. He suggested the township send a certificate to the family recognizing, "He is one of us";

- Heard Supervisor Vawters read an announcement that trips for senior citizens to the Detroit Institute of Arts are available because of the millage that passed in Wayne County, with \$100,000 set aside annually. That means about 60 senior trips with 35

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seniors on each trip. The offer includes transportation and access to the DIA and is available to all publically supported senior programs in the county. Local senior groups need to apply for the trips immediately before they are all used up; and

• Heard attorney Young say he will check with Carleton Farms landfill and report at the next meeting on the landfill's use of the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority [YCUA]. There was an apparent misstatement by the township engineer at a recent meeting which brought a letter to the editor of the *Independent* from YCUA saying no landfill in Sumpter Township has a disposal agreement with YCUA. Moody said the Sumpter landfill doesn't dispose to YCUA. Its leachate goes to a Canton landfill site where it is pretreated and then sent to YCUA. It's all the same company he explained.

David C. Brown Funeral Home has set up a Temporary Viewing and Funeral Chapel at 500 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, in the former Katherine Rose Flower and Gift Shop until the funeral home is rebuilt from the fire.

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VBT Lt. Robson resigns, hired as fulltime fireman in Superior Township

Van Buren Township Fire Lt. Nicholas L. Robson is resigning from his VBT post as of Nov. 25 to accept a full-time fire position with the Superior Township Fire Department. He has been a paid-per-call fire fighter in VBT for nine years. Because of Superior Township policies, Robson could no longer remain on the VBT department and so he had to resign.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Nov. 22** – Enjoy the Thanksgiving Day holiday with friends and family. Be thankful.

• **Friday, Nov. 23** – Free Friday Movie at Friends Family Theater at 7 p.m., with the Bounce House open at 6:45 p.m., in the Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road (at Bemis Road), Ypsilanti. One of this week's movies will be "The Greening of Whitney Brown", 2012, 87 minutes. Movie questions (734) 482-5074 or <http://home.>

Breast cancer benefit set at Belleville Moose Lodge for Missie Frey

A spaghetti dinner and night of fun has been set beginning at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 7, at the Belleville Moose Lodge to benefit breast cancer victim Missie Frey, who lives and works in Belleville.

A minimum donation of \$10 at the door will be accepted. There also will be a silent auction and a 50/50 cash raffle. The Moose Lodge is located at 831 E. Huron River Drive.

All proceeds will benefit Missie in her fight against breast cancer.

She was diagnosed in November 2011 with Stage 2 breast cancer at the age of 29. Shortly thereafter it was discovered the cancer had metastasized and her cancer was then deemed Stage 4.

Over the past year she has endured several months of chemotherapy and multiple surgeries in a valiant effort to fight this aggressive disease.

In an attempt to ease the financial burden of the mounting medical bills, friends and family are having this benefit in her honor.

For those wishing to make a donation, but are unable to attend the benefit, gifts may be made payable to the "Melissa Frey Benefit Fund" at any PNC Bank or mailed to: PNC Bank, 7030 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176.

For updates and more information visit www.facebook.com/events/362796273812258/ or contact Sheri at (734) 740-3649.

comcast.net/~friendsfamilytheater/

• **Friday, Nov. 23, and Saturday, Nov. 24** – Give donations for the Goodfellows "No Child Without a Christmas" effort, as police officers and volunteers stand out on street corners in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter.

• **Thursday, Nov. 29** – The African American Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Fences" by August Wilson.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Winter Fest is all day. Parade is 6 p.m., followed by City Christmas Tree Lighting ceremonies on the museum lawn, visits with Santa and reenactment of the first Christmas both at the Methodist Church, 100 lighted balloons set aloft by the Belleville Fire Department, and fireworks over the water from the Denton Road Bridge. Jingle Bell Run registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at Horizon Park. Ice skating throughout the day, courtesy of BYC at Fourth St. Square.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Holiday Arts & Crafts Show/Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road.

• **Saturday, Dec. 1** – Open family swim for the community at new pool at BHS, 1-3 p.m., cost \$5 per swimmer.

• **Sunday, Dec. 2** – Bugles Across America, 7:15 p.m., at Veterans Memorial on High Street, Belleville, to honor the military, past and present.

• **Thursday, Dec. 6** – The Evening Book Group meets at the library at 7 p.m. This month's book is "Best Friends, Occasional Enemies" by Lisa Scottoline.

• **Thursday, Dec. 6, Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8** – Belleville High School play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

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• **Saturday, Dec. 8** – Open family swim for the community at new pool at BHS, 1-3 p.m., cost \$5 per swimmer.

• **Saturday, Dec. 8** – Children's Christmas Ornament Workshop at the museum, 10

a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Two dollars per child includes tour of museum. Santa is at the museum, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Thursday, Dec. 13** – Home Grown Lecture Series at the library at 7 p.m., free. Andre' Renier will speak on "Jousting: A Night with a Knight".

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Gene Taylor

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hour period,” Bluhm said, adding, “I have received no information on any disciplinary action against an employee.”

DiPietro said he would like to see Police Cpl. Todd Schrecengost called as a witness because he believes Schrecengost was the source of the charges.

He said the second witness would be Fred Wanderwege (Dorn), who owns the F&R Automotive repair shop.

“First-hand information is better than the second-hand information from the city manager,” DiPietro said.

“Your client did not deny he had repairs done and was paying \$49 a month,” said the city’s attorney John Hitchcock.

DiPietro said the charges were made to get rid of Chief Taylor because he is too old.

Hitchcock laughed at this.

DiPietro said it is untrue that Fred told the city manager that Taylor told him he had city council approval for a personal installment plan for safety repairs to a city vehicle.

“Why did it take one-and-a-half years for this heinous event to come to light?” DiPietro asked.

DiPietro said Chief Taylor was returning to work with results of a medical exam where his doctor that said he was clear to go back to work.

But the city sent him to an insurance examining doctor, although Taylor was

not claiming disability, DiPietro said. This doctor OKed him, as well.

This dragged on for six weeks culminating in his demotion, DiPietro said.

“They expected him to retire, quit. He didn’t,” DiPietro said.

DiPietro said as a corporal, Taylor returned to his bargaining unit with years of seniority and the union wouldn’t let him in.

“The whole scheme was to get him out on retirement,” DiPietro repeated.

Hitchcock said it was his recommendation not to discipline Taylor when he was off on medical leave.

“I think it was her idea,” DiPietro said, referring to Kollmeyer, “and you went along with it.”

Kollmeyer said the charges were delivered to the commission members and Taylor the previous Thursday.

Hitchcock said the commission does have the ability to subpoena witnesses and the hearing could be delayed.

“I have no objection to adjourning for witnesses,” Hitchcock said.

DiPietro asked that the two witnesses be called along with information on when Schrecengost gave the information about the April 2011 repair of an auto.

DiPietro said the city manager said she personally contacted Fred and he said that Chief Taylor told him he had city council approval.

“That’s misrepresentation and that’s serious,” DiPietro said, adding there was no charge he intentionally misrepresented the situation.

DiPietro said the discipline was inappropriate. He said if the intent is to get a civil service employee to follow the rules, a probationary status would be better than a demotion.

“Civil Service or POAM. He’s a man without a country right now,” DiPietro said.

“It’s got to be rebutted because it’s untrue,” DiPietro said.

He said to the commission, “It doesn’t mean you can’t uphold the discipline ... But you should hear the witnesses.”

DiPietro also repeated that he wants to address Loria’s status and he said he will definitely bring up the one-and-a-half year delay in the charges.

DiPietro said on Sept. 13 Taylor gave his doctor’s OK to return to work to the city and he didn’t get contacted for a meeting until Oct. 23. The meeting, set for Oct. 29, with Kollmeyer [and Mayor Kerreen Conley], turned into a prosecution, he said.

“That’s a lot to correct an employee’s action,” DiPietro said of the demotion.

DiPietro also asked if Hitchcock is going to testify that it was his idea to wait for prosecution and Hitchcock said he is not intending to testify.

Acho made a motion, seconded by Loria to issue subpoenas to the two witnesses named and meet again in three weeks, at 9 a.m. Dec. 11. Acho, Loria, and Bluhm voted unanimously in favor.

DiPietro also asked to see his client’s personnel records and after the meeting he was allowed to see them.

Facebook friends help Sumpter Police nab retail fraud suspect

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

On Oct. 23 a young man came into Ace Hardware in Sumpter Township and stole some high-ticket items, including a \$200 air tool and five pairs of work gloves marked \$30 each.

Sumpter Police Detective John Toth said the store bosses weren’t in and a young crew was in charge. The crew suspected something was wrong and followed the young man out of the store. The suspect jumped into a truck and sped away northbound on Sumpter Road.

Det. Toth said the call to the police was delayed, but the store was able to give police their surveillance videos.

Lt. Eric Luke suggested they put the suspect’s picture on the Sumpter Police Department Facebook page and on the Keep Sumpter Safe Facebook page.

If a viewer clicks the Share button, that will post the picture on that person’s public wall.

Det. Toth said within 24 hours they had 3,000 clicked Shares. They even got a call from Hawaii, from a person who recognized the suspect from a Facebook page.

Also within 24 hours they got a tip on the person’s identity through the Facebook posting.

Sumpter police were alerted to check out annarbor.com where Saline PD had posted a crime at its Ace Hardware that had the same mode of operation.

Det. Toth said Sumpter solved Saline’s crime, as well as its own.

“We were very shocked at how many clicked,” Det. Toth said. “It was a case-closure for us.”

He said Sumpter is working with Saline, which has all Sumpter’s information to help with its case.

Toth said the same suspect is being charged for the same exact crime at the Lincoln Park Sears store.

Toth said the suspect is using the thefts to fuel a heroin addiction.

Toth said the first concrete tip came from Dexter, where the suspect used to live. Now he lives in Ypsilanti.

“We had a good tip from the first day,” Toth said. “It paid off for us.”

Birthdays

Nov. 6 – Allen Smolen
Nov. 23 – Frank Czapski
Nov. 26 – Steve Griz

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Question from Randy in Van Buren Township: I am starting to look for a home in the area, and was wondering, is getting a "Buyers Agent" more beneficial for me and do I have to pay a commission to a Buyer's agent?

Answer: A buyer's agent is supposed to work exclusively for the buyer throughout the transaction. The buyer agent should provide a contract for you to sign prior to showing you homes. The Buyer Agency Contract will specify if there is a retainer deposit or any other fees to you.

The contract will also contain what duties/ responsibilities the buyer's agent and the buyer client have during the term of the contract. Most important is specifying a term period with an expiration time on the contract. If either party does not fulfill the terms of the contract, then the default terms should be quite clear as to the monetary requirements and/or the right to immediately void the contract between the agent and buyer client.

If you do not agree with the language of the Buyer's contract, you can modify the terms with the agent, or you can refuse to sign it and look for another agent.

Most contracts have a penalty for a full commission rate due to the Buyer's Brokerage, if the contracted Buyer buys a home through another brokerage prior

to the termination period of the Buyer's contract. Be sure that the length term of the contract is a reasonable time to find a home, but not an excessive period beyond 3 to 6 months.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! -- Angela ANGELA NETTRO/Broker
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Editor's Note: This column was suspended while Angela Nettro was a political candidate so she wouldn't have unfair advantage. Thank goodness, the elections are over.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Nov. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS mini-auditorium, preceded by 6 p.m. meeting to interview candidates for temporary school board position.

- Tuesday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Nov. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 3 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees work/study, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, VBT Public Safety Committee, 5:30 p.m.

- Monday, Dec. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

- Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Van Buren Township LDFA, 2 p.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT

Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Dec. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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1996	SATURN	2D	1G8ZH5283TZ353729	12-27373
2000	PONTIAC	2D	1G2NE12T6YM704281	12-27792
1996	KOUNTRY ST	MH	3FCMF53G3SJA15809	12-28259

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1993	TOYOTA	4D	4T1SK12E7PU267488	12-23109
1991	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCCS14ZXM0164304	12-24192
2000	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDX03E1YD204466	12-25753
2002	FORD	2D	3FAFP31332R134381	12-26778
1996	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1BL52W1TR102592	12-27490
2000	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NF52EXYM787865	12-27636
1999	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KD54YXXU718767	12-27636
2001	FORD	4D	1FAHP53U21G232446	12-28520
2004	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WF52E449118295	12-29109

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, Van Buren Township Clerk

Published: November 22, 2012

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider the following:

An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended in the following:

ARTICLE II, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 2.02 SPECIFIC TERMS
ARTICLE IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 4.56 STORMWATER BASINS; SECTION 4.40.3 LANDSCAPING DESIGN STANDARDS

The complete text of the proposed amendments is available at the Township Department of Developmental Services during regular business hours. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date of August 22, 2012. You can also contact the Department of Developmental Services with questions at (734) 699-8913.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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District Library

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Boelter said they will need the same size area to build on regardless of the size of the building, as the library will need room to expand in years to come.

"You might have to limit the services," Renaud said. "You're still shooting for the max."

Dawson said the board is not seeking a Taj Mahal, grandiose building. She said as an elected member of the library board she wouldn't be doing her job if she didn't work for what the library needed for its users in the 75-square-mile area.

Renaud agreed the present 11,000 square feet is way too small.

But, he said, Belleville officials were not too far off in their suggestions, since the proposed new library includes a lot of stuff the present library doesn't have.

"You may find, like the school, you'll have to cut back" before voters will approve paying for it, Renaud said.

He said you can't find 50,000 square feet and parking in the city.

"We all agree we need a bigger building," Chedraue said, but SEMCOG has been totally wrong in its predictions, which have been used by size consultant Dahlgren for part of his calculations.

Chedraue said the City of Belleville changed population by just 10 people over the last 30 years.

Board member Christina Brasil said the old view was that a library was for reading

and study, but the new view is broader and has a library becoming a second home and a place to use computers to help find jobs.

Chedraue said a house and church next to Edgemont School is for sale and Dawson said it's been considered and is not appropriate.

Renaud asked if the DNR site is big enough or is it the DNR site plus the residential site next door?

Dawson said the answer is yes and yes, with the DNR site good, but adding the Spencer house next door, it is better.

Dawson said she understands that the people on the council have to have enough tax revenue to pick up the leaves and perform other services and it's not in their best interests to give away properties that could bring in tax revenue.

Chedraue, a former member of the city council, said about 25% of the property in the city pays no taxes.

"I think they would like to look at retail on the lake," Dawson said of the city.

Chedraue asked if they had looked at other places than the DNR site, and Brasil asked if he had any ideas.

"I guess we're in a box if we can't work out a plan with the DNR," Dawson said.

Chedraue asked the board what it wanted members of the audience to do to help with its project. He said they go to the city council meetings and could lobby for the library.

"Until we have a site, I don't know what to say," Dawson said.

Chedraue said he does appreciate the

work the board is doing and has done.

In other business at the board's 80-minute meeting on Nov. 13, the board:

- Heard Renaud ask for a change in the special meeting minutes for the Nov. 5 meeting to state that the extra work by appraiser Bob Vogt for the DNR site was not authorized, as was clearly stated at the meeting. Library Director Deb Green and board member John Juriga said they felt it was understood that the work was not authorized and "discussion ensued" in the minutes reflected that action. The minutes were approved as written without the change;

- Heard Chedraue, a candidate for the library board in the Nov. 6 election, congratulate the incumbents who were reelected, Mike Boelter, Joy Cichewicz, and John Juriga;

- Also heard Chedraue ask for a clarification from Green regarding a statement she made that it was *arbitrary* to build a branch in the Sumpter area. Green said what she said is that most of the residents of Sumpter would probably use the big library and that it was in the agreement because Sumpter is more remote. After some discussion on the wording in the library agreement, Green said she did not use the word "arbitrary". Chedraue, who helped draft the library agreement, said it is not *arbitrary* because Sumpter Township either gets a branch or the main library;

- Approved splitting the \$200 cost of a block of ice for the Winterfest ice sculpture with Friends of the Library. Cost to the

library will be \$100;

- Discussed the Court of Appeals' recent ruling that under the state's Open Carry law, a library cannot ban guns. Chedraue, an attorney, said he believes the ruling is being appealed to the Supreme Court and will change in the future;

- Heard Green report that the library recently had a rain that took out ceiling tiles and soaked the carpet between the aisles, but missed the books. They cleaned out the gutters that were filled with leaves only to have more water come into the building with the next rain. "The roofer managed to patch the holes, but obviously it is time for a new roof," Green reported;

- Removed the periodic personnel evaluation of Green from the closed-session agenda because of "a computer glitch"; and

- Held a 30-minute closed session to consider the purchase and/or lease of real property and then convened into regular session only to adjourn. This was the 21st closed-door session on the property issue.

Independent Special Writer Diane Madigan contributed to this report.

Court watching:

VBT vs. Delaney adjourned until Dec. 6 at 34th District Court

By Diane Madigan

Independent Court Reporter

On Thursday, Nov. 15, the 34th District Court in Romulus looked like a Van Buren Township board meeting.

Supervisor Paul White, Clerk Leon Wright, Director of Public Safety Carl McClanahan, Building and Planning Director Terry Carroll, and defendant and township activist John Delaney all waited for court to start for the township's complaint against Delaney for disturbing a public meeting.

The misdemeanor complaint is an alleged violation of MCL 750.170 titled Disturbance of lawful meetings.

Delaney's court session was adjourned until Dec. 6, when Delaney's attorney will be available.

The charge stems from Delaney's actions at both the Sept. 12 Planning Commission meeting, where Delaney was escorted out by police, and the Sept. 18 township board meeting, when Supervisor White had him arrested.

Delaney said he is fighting for his constitutional right of free speech and has demanded a jury trial.

750.170 Disturbance of lawful meetings. Sec. 170 states: "Disturbance of lawful meetings -- Any person who shall make or excite any disturbance or contention in any tavern, store or grocery, manufacturing establishment or any other business place or in any street, lane, alley, highway, public building, grounds or park, or at any election or other public meeting where citizens are peaceably and lawfully assembled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor."

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Main Street Flowers & Gifts will be holding a wine tasting event on Winterfest Saturday, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. There will be wine, hot chocolate and other food. Call (734) 697-7400. Main Street Flowers also is a drop-off point for new children's books, which will be distributed to local charities in time for Christmas.

The **Living Nativity** will once again take place on the grounds of the **First United Methodist Church** on Winterfest Saturday, Dec. 1, immediately following the parade from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The 12-minute production will take place three times before the fireworks. For details, call **Susan Walker** at (734) 250-0485. The re-enactment of the first Christmas is very popular each year as it features live animals.

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A **Silent Auction** with the proceeds going to **St. Jude's Hospital** will take place from Dec. 3 through Dec. 7 at the **Belleville**

Curves in the **Davenport Industrial Center**. Donations from local businesses and area residents will be accepted Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday. Winners will be notified Dec. 8. For other details, call Curves owner **Robin Gragg** at (734) 697-2000.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? There is no charge. Call Bob Mytych with your suggestion at 734-699-9020.

Van Buren Soccer registration opens

By Bob Mytych

Independent Sports Editor

Registration is now open for the Van Buren Soccer Association's 2013 spring season.

The cost for new player registration is \$75 for Paws Program, \$100 per participant for the U6 and U8 teams, and \$115 for U9 and up recreational teams. Registration is open until Jan. 31, 2013.

The cost will be \$10 more per player if registered after Jan. 31. Games will be held at the new VBSA soccer field complex at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road

The Adult Co-Ed division (18 and over) will also take place again next year at a cost of \$65 per player. Games will be played at Quirk Park behind the Van Buren Township Municipal Center.

Participants do not have to be a resident of the township to join the VBSA. To learn more, visit their website at www.leaguelineup.com/vanburensoccer

For direct info, call (734) 480-3966 or email vanburensoccer@comcast.net.

SEMCOG compares deer crashes with other crashes

Community	2009		2010		2011	
	deer	total	deer	total	deer	total
City of Belleville	0	68	0	92	0	80
Van Buren Twp.	31	659	22	644	33	704
Sumpter Twp.	24	110	22	110	19	90

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) noted that Scio Township led communities in Southeastern Michigan for deer crashes in 2011 with 145.

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected runs for VBT Police.
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Sunday, Nov. 11:
0022 – noise complaint, 41441 S. Bellridge Dr.
0051 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0059 – assault & battery, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0104 – noise complaint, 158 Aspen
0222 – fight, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr.
0225 – loitering, 50521 W. Huron River Dr., Pine Creek
0231 – fraud, Walmart
0854 – malicious destruction of property, 49120 Denton
1003 – mental, 8852 Ironwood Dr.
1105 – property damage accident, Michigan / Denton
1104 – property damage accident, 49412 Michigan Ave.
1341 – property damage accident, 10699 Jackson
1504 – retail fraud, 41375 Van Born
1522 – retail fraud, Walmart
1702 – larceny, 9203 Parkwood Dr.
1714 – shots fired, 44257 Ecorse Rd.
1722 – larceny, 43774 Bemis Rd.
1824 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / W. Huron River Dr.
2024 – noise complaint, 9655 Wildflower Ct.
2034 – holdup alarm, 11575 Belleville Rd.
2319 – noise complaint, 15685 Brookside Dr.

Monday, Nov. 12:
0620 – larceny from auto, 42208 Camden Rd.
0701 – property damage accident, 14578 Wildbrook Dr.
0702 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0909 – malicious destruction of property, 47540 W. Huron River Dr.
1038 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville / Van Born
1127 – harassment call, 10574 Jackson St.
1236 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1426 – juvenile complaint, 125 Edgemont, Edgemont Elementary School
1649 – assault & battery, Meijer
1915 – assault & battery, 42795 S. Dartmoor Cir.
2130 – intimidation threat, 46145 Village Green Ln
2251 – assault & battery, 7401 Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0348 – suicide or attempt, 8 Pine Dr.
0816 – property damage accident, Belleville / Brookview Dr.
0928 – larceny, 42200 Tyler Rd.
1336 – juvenile complaint, 158 Aspen
1426 – property damage accident, 42350 Van Born
1522 – juvenile complaint, 51334 Capitol Dr.
1707 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, Nov. 14:
0143 – noise complaint, 41276 Woodbury Dr.
0520 – larceny from an auto, 49021 S. I-94 Service Drive
0658 – hospice, 44714 Robson Rd.
0709 – assault & battery, 10741 Van Buren St.
1038 – fraud, 10702 Oak Ln.
1236 – disorderly conduct, 11175 Haggerty Rd.
1326 – larceny from auto, 46121 Village Green Ln
1340 – water leak found, 43174 Bradley Dr.
1521 – fraud, 10950 Belleville Rd.
1614 – assault & battery, 47096 McBride Ave.
1648 – personal injury accident, Beck/Ecorse
1736 – fraud, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1747 – trespassing, 23 Locust Dr.
1817 – larceny from auto, 46280 N. I-94 Service
1934 – fraud, Meijer
2016 – assault & battery, 10166 Rolan Meadows
2126 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.
2309 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 11806 Oak Lane

Thursday, Nov. 15:
0154 – larceny from auto, 49031 S. I-94 Service
0200 – malicious destruction of property, 41455 S. Bellridge Dr.

0502 – intimidation threat, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
0515 – disorderly conduct, 10152 Hamilton
0759 – breaking & entering, 9663 Jackson St.
0949 – disorderly conduct, 6069 Rawsonville
1054 – larceny, 9672 Jackson St.
1117 – property damage accident, Belleville / Ecorse
1127 – fraud, Eagles
1322 – private property accident, 42350 Van Born
1338 – assault & battery, 2107 Westlake
1604 – animal complaint, 110 Liberty
1714 – malicious destruction of property, 8800 Parkwood Dr.
1816 – assault & battery, 11695 Meadows Lane
2112 – noise complaint, 48870 Denton Rd.
2205 – violation public health code / violation controlled substance act, 46425 Tyler Rd.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0156 – assault & battery, Belleville/I-94
0254 – fraud, Meijer
0859 – mental, 13074 Cumberland Ct.
1210 – larceny, 47097 McBride Ave.
1311 – fraud, 41452 E. Archwood Dr.
1317 – assault & battery, 51074 Mott
1410 – domestic violence, 46141 Village Green Ln
1546 – larceny from auto, 51300 W. Huron River
1621 – malicious destruction of property, 6346 Sandalwood Dr.
1942 – larceny from auto, 45915 S. I-94 Service
2002 – larceny from auto, Walmart
2042 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 10784 Belleville Rd.
2143 – noise complaint, 46080 Lake Villa Dr.
2252 – larceny from auto, 41539 S. I-94 Service

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0422 – fraud, Meijer
0557 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1042 – assault & battery, 41710 N. Bellridge Dr.
1412 – juvenile complaint, 46 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1416 – intimidation threat, 51286 Sylvia Dr.
1427 – fraud, 46425 Tyler
1700 – malicious destruction of property, Meijer
1835 – shots fired, 9828 Hamilton St.
1908 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1942 – fraud, Meijer
2302 – noise complaint, 7040 Fay Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 179 traffic stops, 179 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0134 – disorderly conduct, Fourth/Charles
0452 – disorderly conduct, 170 N. Liberty St.
0519 – suspicious situation, 172 N. Liberty St.
0900 – suspicious situation, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia Ave.
1053 – assist fire dept., 371 E. Columbia Ave.
1100 – miscellaneous complaint, 56 Henry St.
1108 – assist fire dept., 56 Henry St.
1217 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1218 – malicious destruction of property, 32 Carmell St.

1402 – malicious destruction of property, 265 Sumpter
1530 – assist fire dept., 210 Henry St.

Monday, Nov. 12:
0126 – harassment call, 89 Carmell St.
0253 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0806 – all other traffic, Columbia/High
0835 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
0945 – mental, 168 S. Liberty St.
1009 – assist fire dept., 27 Menlo Park Dr.
1024 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main st.
1447 – juvenile complaint, 125 N. Edgemont Ave., Edgemont Elementary School
1728 – vehicle lockout, 94 Carmell St.
1905 – larceny, BHS

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0142 – assist fire dept., 48 Henry St.
1042 – fraud, 575 Sumpter Rd.
1110 – domestic violence, 56 Carmell
1205 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1255 – welfare check, 210 Henry St.
2001 – follow up, 146 Carmell
2256 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Wednesday, Nov. 14:
1105 – intrusion alarm, 575 Sumpter, Co-Op Apts.
1152 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1219 – assist fire dept., 417 Charles St.
1301 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1302 – disorderly conduct, BHS
1302 – disorderly conduct, 47097 McBride, McBride School
1403 – intimidation threat, 113 Carmell St.
1714 – warrant arrest, 46425 Tyler
1943 – missing person, 509 Estrada
2307 – disorderly conduct, 476 W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 15:
1042 – information, 6 Main St.
1129 – traffic complaint, 400 E. Huron River Dr.
1444 – animal complaint, 122 N. Liberty St.
1524 – juvenile complaint, 210 Belle Villa Blvd.
1552 – assist fire dept., 25 Owen
1715 – fraud, 6 Main St.
1717 – warrant arrest, Livonia PD
1910 – parking complaint, BHS
2109 – family trouble, 351 Victorian Ln.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0035 – assist fire dept., 169 Biggs Ave.
0621 – traffic complaint, Belleville/Sunrise Ln.
0651 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
0945 – domestic violence, 35 Main St.
1208 – noise complaint, 166 N. Liberty St.
1338 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1540 – miscellaneous complaint, 6 Main St.
1900 – intrusion alarm, 25 Owen

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0348 – assist fire dept., 167 Main St.
0908 – animal complaint, 58 Biggs Ave.
0946 – suspicious person, 100 Menlo Park Dr.
1015 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1221 – civil matter, 6 Main St.
1246 – vehicle lockout, 139 S. Liberty St.
1318 – intrusion alarm, 570 E. Thornhill Ct.
1503 – parking complaint, 500 N. Liberty St.
1515 – malicious destruction of property, 30 Carmell St.

2017 – follow up, 146 Carmell St.
2035 – suspicious situation, 301 W. Davis St.
2322 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.

Also on this week’s log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Nov. 11:
0003 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willis
0257 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0907 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1024 – larceny report, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1158 – animal bite report, 42000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1246 – no type of call entered, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1327 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
1335 – assist other agency, Edgewood
1339 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1534 – citizen assist, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1540 – well-being check, Dakota
1819 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
2057 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville
2121 – suspicious incident, Bemis/Elwell
2243 – suspicious person, 28000 bl. Elwell
2325 – suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, Nov. 12:
0812 – juvenile complaint, Timberlane
0846 – assist other agency, out of township
0921 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1021 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1104 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1133 – alarm, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs
1158 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1328 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1429 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Sumpter
1524 – runaway juvenile, Greenmeadow
1857 – fire dept. assist, Judd/Haggerty
2126 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow
2252 – threats complaint, Birch

Tuesday, Nov. 13:
0641 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0955 – malicious destruction of property, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1229 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1436 – suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1646 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Judd
1804 – alarm, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1922 – animal complaint, 9700 bl. Rawsonville
2234 – suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter
Wednesday, Nov. 14:
0706 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
0934 – animal complaint, 6400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1120 – alarm, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1325 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1334 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1459 – proprety damage accident, Clark/Arkona
1529 – suspicious incident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1627 – assist other agency, 29000 bl. Haggerty
1704 – juvenile complaint, Carriage Ln.
1832 – 911 hangup investigation, Dakota
1925 – warrant arrest, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.
1949 – malicious destruction of property,

Creekside
2141 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2144 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2345 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Nov. 15:
0750 – property damage accident, Rawonsville / Bemis
0910 – alarm, Utah
0918 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1017 – suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
1047 – alarm, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1204 – citizen assist, Greenmeadow
1310 – animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
1350 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1352 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1437 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1644 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1701 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Friday, Nov. 16:
0240 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1038 – breaking & entering report, Utah
1103 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1123 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1251 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1310 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1453 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1604 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1713 – alarm, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1811 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1831 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2013 – suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2229 – noise complaint, Wyoming
2354 – larceny report, Tulip

Saturday, Nov. 17:
0300 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
0356 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis
0606 – animal complaint, Carleton West/Willow
1028 – alarm, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1114 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1228 – civil dispute, Edgewood
1435 – animal bite report, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1627 – suspicious vehicle, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1809 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1824 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1911 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Victoria Ave.
1946 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2035 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2227 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 25 miscellaneous details, 161 patrol checks, and 61 traffic stops.

BHS students to present
‘One Flew Over the
Cuckoo’s Nest’ Dec. 6-8

Belleville High School Productions is in the final days of rehearsal for its presentation of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” which will go on stage at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6-8 in the BHS Auditorium.
The play is directed by Mike Earns. Tickets are \$8 for regular admission and \$7 for students and seniors.
The play is the unforgettable story of a mental hospital and its inhabitants in a world where sanity means conformity and following the rules is the only way to survive.
For more information, call the high school at 734-697-9133.

The Belleville Cougar Freshman Cheer came home from the Nov. 10 Western Suburban Junior Football League Rally competition with a bronze medal in dance. Pictured, front to back, are Jailah Topp, Erionna Warren, Mya Henderson, Emma McGuire, and Kyleigh Chambers.



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